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Applicants: Gil M. VARDI et al.
Title: Extendible Stent Apparatus
Appln. No.: 09/600,348
Filed: 01/07/2002
Examiner: Thomas Sweet
Art Unit: 3738

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This supplemental Information Disclosure Statement supplements the Information Disclosure Statement filed January 14, 2004. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is directed to the cited references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08.

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The following listed United States patents and published patent applications are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 but were not submitted previously in the subject

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3,657,444; Ersek	4,309,994; Grunwald
4,453,545; Inoue	4,731,055; Melinyshyn
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5,383,892; Ansel	5,395,332; Ressemann
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The following listed foreign references are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 but were not submitted previously in the subject application or in a parent application.

Accordingly, copies of the following foreign references are submitted herewith on the attached CD-Rom:

CA 2,318,314; 07/22/1999	EP 684022; 11/24/1995
EP 884028; 12/16/1998	EP 891751; 01/20/1999
EP 897698; 02/24/1999	WO 00/74595; 12/14/2000
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WO 01/21244; 03/29/2001	WO 01/70299; 09/27/2001
WO 02/68012; 09/06/2002	WO 02/76333; 10/03/2002
WO 02/94336; 11/28/2002	WO 03/55414; 07/10/2003
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WO 97/16217; 05/09/1997	WO 97/26936; 07/31/1997
WO 98/37833; 09/03/1998	WO 99/34749; 07/15/1999
WO 99/36002; 07/22/1999	WO 99/58059; 11/18/1999

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Dichek, et al.; <i>Circulation</i> , 80: 1347-1353 (1989)
Chevalier, et al.; <i>American Journal of Cardiology</i> , 82: 943-949 (1998)

Yamashita, et al.; *Journal of American College of Cardiology*, 35: 1145-1151 (2000)

Satler, et al.; *Catheterization and Cardiovascular Interventions*, 50: 411-412 (2000)

No representation is made or intended that more relevant information does not exist or that the order of presentation of the references in any way reflects their relative pertinence. Additionally, submission of references herewith in no way constitutes an admission by Applicants that the submitted references constitute prior art to the present application.

Applicants respectfully request that each of the cited references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and that the cited references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.


Respectfully submitted,

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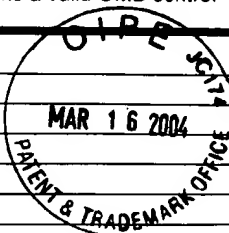
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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
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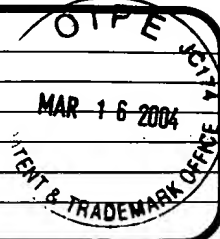
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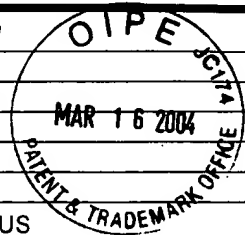
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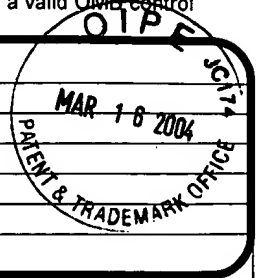
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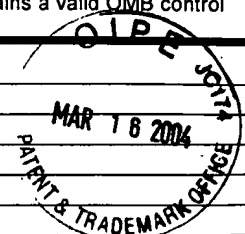
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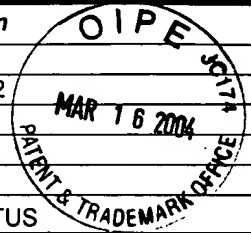
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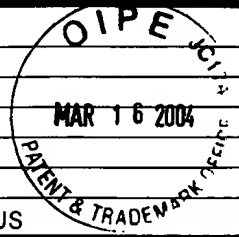
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